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## **Martin Appoints Ernie Orgera to Director of Operations**

STAMFORD, CT – Mayor Martin today announced the appointment of Ernie Orgera to Director of Operations. Orgera had been serving as Acting Director in the Martin Administration since Martin took office on December 1, 2013.

Orgera's appointment builds on a career of local service that extends back to 1970, when Orgera began his career in the Stamford Police Department, where he served for 20 years. Following his police service, Orgera became a Supervisor in the Department of Operations, and served in that capacity until his appointment in 2010 to the post of Director of Operations. After taking office on December 1, Mayor Martin asked Orgera to serve in an interim capacity, and following his leadership over the past four months, decided to appoint Orgera to serve as permanent Director.

Martin's appointment comes following one of the worst winters on record, when Stamford experienced significant snowfall and several consecutive days of freezing temperatures, which put the Department under considerable stress to keep Stamford's streets clean and safe. Martin was impressed by Orgera's experience and ability to manage the City's operations both during the winter events and, now, as the City works to repair road damage after the winter season. In addition, Orgera was instrumental in the City's implementation of online building permits. Orgera's experience with and knowledge of the Department's operations will play an important role in Martin's Administration moving forward, as the Administration works to bring greater efficiencies and reduced costs to City departments.

"Ernie's experience and knowledge has been an asset throughout the first months of my Administration and will be instrumental moving forward. I have discussed with Ernie some of the past practices of the Operations Department and have made it clear that the residents of Stamford and I expect the Department to maintain high standards. Ernie fully supports these standards, and is committed to working towards our shared vision of transforming the Department to improve service for residents and businesses and better use data and technology. I have every confidence that Ernie will continue to make significant contributions in the years to come," Martin said.

Martin has submitted his appointment for consideration and approval by the Board of Representatives.

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